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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Joint Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC

for Approval of Accounting Order to Defer Incremental COVID-19 Expenses to

Be Included in Future Rate Proceedings

Docket No: 2020-195-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By Order No. 2021-66 issued in the above referenced docket on January 27, 2021, the Public Service Commission ("Commission") requested the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") to provide a report on the status of this docket by March 29, 2021.

Due to its current workload, ORS is still in the process of preparing its report for the Commission in this docket. Additionally, Duke Energy Carolina and Duke Energy Progress (collectively "Duke") will be filing updated financial information in this docket by the end of this month. ORS would appreciate the opportunity to both review this updated information and finish the drafting of a thorough review for filing with the Commission. ORS is therefore requesting an extension until April 16, 2021 to provide its status report to the Commission.

This Office has also conferred with counsel for Duke regarding this requested extension and Duke has no objection to an extension to April 16th.

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

s/Jeffrey M. Nelson

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